

I am writing to urge passage of SB4, AN ACT CONCERNING THE CONNECTICUT CLEAN AIR ACT. Recent news from Europe should convince everyone that we need to reduce this country's dependence on foreign petroleum and gas, and to reduce our use of non-renewable fossil fuels in general.

As a bicycling enthusiast and advocate, I support any measure promoting the use of bicycles, especially in our urban areas. Bicycles and electric bicycles should be a part of the solution when dealing with the problem of traffic congestion and pollution from vehicle traffic.

With the abundance of Regional and Magnet schools in Connecticut, and the likelihood of even more such schools in the near future due to the recent Sheff v O'Neill settlement, school bus routes will continue to be a major source of vehicle pollution. A conversion to electric buses is logical and long overdue.

Hybrid passenger cars and electric vehicles already have an established presence in the auto marketplace. More should be done to make their purchase economically feasible for drivers of all income levels. More can also be done to make their operation practical by supporting additional charging stations in public and private locations.

Please vote to pass SB4 as the next step to promoting clean air in Connecticut.

Sincerely,

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